

Every individual sentenced to a State Correctional Institution (SCI) will be reviewed for appropriateness for Boot Camp. The review occurs when the individual is within 2 years of his/her minimum sentence.

Statutory Criteria

- has not been deemed ineligible by the court
- not sentenced to a minimum greater than 3 years.
- sentence does not include an enhancement for the use of deadly weapon.
- has not been convicted or adjudicated delinquent of any crime listed under 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 97 Subch. H (relating to registration of sexual offenders) or I (relating to the continued registration of sexual offenders)
- does not have a current conviction or a prior conviction within the past 10 years for 18 Pa.C.S. §2502 (relating to murder), drug trafficking as defined in section 61 Pa.C.S. §4103, or a crime of violence as defined in 42 Pa.C.S. §9714(g) (relating to sentences for second or subsequent offenses), or criminal attempt, criminal solicitation, or criminal conspiracy to commit any of these offenses
- must be within 2 years of their minimum to start the program.

Department Criteria

According to 61 Pa.C.S. §6139, the Department has discretion on placing an eligible person into Boot Camp. As we bear this responsibility, we review program criteria on a regular basis and as such, Department criteria can change at any time. The Department's criteria is based on what is best for the individual, the Department, the Community and the Program.

- must be medically cleared

- should have at least 7 months until their minimum
- The Department has expanded the list of ineligible crimes
- behavior while incarcerated is considered
- cannot have a conviction or adjudication within the past 5 years for escape.

Waivers

The prosecuting attorney may advise the court that the Commonwealth has elected to waive the eligibility requirements of the statute if the victim has been given notice and has been given an opportunity to be heard on the issue. The court, after considering the victim input, may choose to accept or refuse the waiver. Note: A waiver does not guarantee placement into Boot Camp. An individual with a waiver will be reviewed by the Department for appropriateness.

Considerations

- Waivers of eligibility requirements should be noted on the Sentencing Order to ensure the Department can identify them. They must include both the court and Commonwealth's position.
- The court has the authority to deem an individual as ineligible. This must be placed on the Sentencing Order.
- If a Sentencing Order does not mention ineligibility of an individual, it is presumed they may be eligible by the Department and the individual will be reviewed for appropriateness.

For more information about the Boot Camp program and criteria, go to <https://www.cor.pa.gov/community-reentry/Pages/JRI2.aspx> or Pa C.S. §6139

BOOT CAMP PROGRAM



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Program Philosophy

The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, Quehanna Boot Camp, will provide a secure, safe and humane alternative to standard incarceration. Our programs enforce positive life-building skills in a disciplined environment.

Each staff member is committed to the ideal, "One person can make a difference; together we can achieve anything." For the staff of the Quehanna Boot Camp, "Excellence is not an option, it is our standard."

The Boot Camp Program

In 1991, Quehanna Boot Camp (Quehanna) began operating *the Quehanna Boot Camp Program*. This program is a Cognitive Restructuring Program based around military concepts. If inmates (reentrants) successfully complete the six-month program, they are paroled. The Boot Camp Program accepts both male and female inmates. The Boot Camp Program uses military components in concert with therapeutic techniques to address Criminal Thinking and Substance Abuse Issues. Inmates focus on discipline, work ethic, education, and therapeutic issues. There are four phases to the QBC Program. They are, in order, Orientation Phase, Green Phase, Red Phase and Gold Phase. Each Phase requires more personal effort and personal responsibility. Quehanna holds a very high standard and those that do not meet the standard are sent back to a typical State Correctional Institution to complete their sentence.

Boot Camp teammates (inmates) are required to get up daily at 0515 hours. They spend their day working, in education

classes, completing physical training, developing discipline through military activities, working on their character defects through cognitive treatment techniques, and preparing themselves to reenter society as a productive citizen. At 2130 hours, they prepare for lights out and retire to sleep.

All teammates are placed in education if they do not have a high school diploma or GED. If they do have a diploma/GED, they are assigned to a work detail. Quehanna is one of the top State Correctional Institutions in the Department in GED's awarded and Vocational Certifications earned. Teammates assigned to work details are taught work ethics, reliability, and skills that will allow them to be productive in society.

All teammates are assessed for Criminality, Substance Use, and likelihood to recidivate. Based on these assessments, inmates are assigned to cognitive programming to address each of these issues. Each teammate is assigned a Treatment Specialist that will assist them with their groups and their treatment plan. As of October 2020, Quehanna has graduated over 10,000 reentrants. To view a short video on the Boot Camp Program, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9W9RnXSz1c>.

Programs Available to All Inmates

- Certified Peer Assistant Programs
- Violence Prevention
- Parenting
- Self-Help Meetings
- Batterer's Intervention (for Domestic Violence)
- Seeking Safety (PTSD Treatment)

- Vocational Programs
- GED Preparations
- Religious Studies
- Gender Specific Programming
- Drug and Alcohol Programming
- Grief Counseling
- Sexual Abuse/Harassment Counseling
- Education for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
- Victim's Awareness Classes
- Medically Assisted Treatment

Reentry Programming

Reentry is the key to any recovery plan. At the Quehanna Boot Camp, reentry begins for Boot Camp teammates as soon as they arrive. Our Reentry Program includes, but isn't limited to, the following topics:

• Employment	• Housing
• Healthy Living	• Career Fairs
• Financial Management	• Post-Secondary Education
• Dealing Positively with Parole	• Relationship Issues
• Veterans Issues	• Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Statistics for Boot Camp

Average percentage of inmates that return to state incarceration (as of 1/1/2020):
1 year after release: 15.03%
3 years after release: 40.33%
5 years after release: 46.33%
Graduation Rate of 80%
*data from 2013-2018, unofficial results

As of October 2020, over 10,000 graduates
Cost Savings: \$11,431 per inmate
Total: Almost \$97 million as of 1/1/2020